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MAN SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS FOR IMPERSONATING A FEDERAL AGENT

RE: UNITED STATES v. JOSE COLON

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Jose Colon, age 31, and currently residing at the Volunteers of America at 75 Ward Street, Rochester, New York, was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment by United States District Court Judge Michael A. Telesca in connection with his guilty plea to impersonating a federal agent, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §912, which carries a maximum sentence of 3 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that on May 21, 2004 and May 28, 2004, the defendant and four other individuals, while

representing themselves to be special agents from the Bureau of Immigration and Nationalization, broke down the doors and entered into residences claiming to be looking for fugitives. On one occasion, the defendant handcuffed an individual who was not a fugitive.

Further, on June 2, 2004, the defendant and another individual, again while representing themselves to be federal agents, ordered two individuals on Short Street in Rochester to put their hands up. The defendant and the other individual then robbed the two individuals.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under the direction of Peter Smith, Special Agent in Charge.

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